

**HON. C. T. PEET.**

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Honorable C. T. Peet, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Honorable C. T. Peet, an honored member of the Fourteenth (14) and Fifteenth (15) General Assembly, and also the extra session of the Fourteenth (14) General Assembly, and a soldier of the Civil War, departed this life at Edgewood, Iowa, April 4, 1905; and

WHEREAS, The life and character of deceased were such as to entitle him to the respect and esteem of all who knew him, his attainments and success so conspicuous as to be an incentive to all men to be upright, pure and true, and his services to the State and Nation of such a character as to command the confidence and gratitude of his fellow citizens; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of this patriotic citizen, soldier and legislator, this State has lost an influential and upright citizen and his friends an honored and esteemed man.

Mr. Peet was born at Farmersville, Cattaraugus county, New York, December 4, 1822. He came to Delaware county, Iowa, in 1844, remaining a citizen of the community in which he settled during the entire remainder of his life. Without the advantage of Law Schools he prosecuted his legal studies until he was admitted to the Bar of Delaware county. For many years he was conspicuous in the political circles of the county and state. He was elected sheriff of the county for two terms; he served as Justice of the Peace for many years; he was a volunteer in the Civil War and was always loyal to the flag which he helped to save from disgrace. He was a teacher in the public schools for many years and was at that time considered a leader in that profession. He was essentially a self-made man, and did much in establishing right principles in the formative period of early settlement. During his service in the General Assembly, the work of building the Capitol was in progress. He was upon the committee to investigate the material used in the foundation of the building of which the State is now justly proud, and it was due to the investigation of this committee of which he was a member, and especially due to his personal suggestions, that the material used first in the foundation of the Capitol, was condemned and replaced by the substantial and enduring granite upon which the structure now rests. The universal verdict of those who knew him best, was that he was an honorable, honest and conscientious citizen; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we extend to his family and to those friends nearest to him in life, whose personal sorrow is so much greater, our sympathy in their sorrow and affliction, and the clerk of

the House is hereby instructed to transmit an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family and to enter the same upon the Journal of the House.

R. J. BIXBY,  
J. C. FLENNIKEN,  
A. F. FRUDDEN,  
*Committee.*

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**HON. WILLIAM BLAIN.**

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft and present suitable resolutions relative to the life and public services of the late Hon. William Blain, respectfully submit the following:

The Hon. William Blain, who was an honored member of this House in the Nineteenth General Assembly as a representative from Marion county, departed this life at his home in Knoxville, Iowa, on the 31st day of October, A. D., 1905.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 22, 1823, where he resided during his early boyhood, removing to Ohio in 1835, but imbued with the inviting possibilities of the West, he emigrated to our sister state of Illinois in 1850, where he resided until 1855, at which time he settled in Marion county, Iowa.

On August 2, 1862, he responded to the call to arms, and enlisted as a soldier of the Civil War, defending his flag until his discharge on August 9, 1865. By devotion to duty, he advanced from the office of second Lieutenant to that of Captain of his company.

At the close of the war, he returned to his adopted home in our beloved Iowa, devoting his remaining years to the material interests of his home, his family and the community in which he lived. A man of affairs, ever interested in local, state and national questions, a worthy and influential citizen, conscientious, patriotic, and unfaltering in his devotion to the faith of conviction; conservative, yet charitable; a Christian gentleman, whose death is a bereavement and irreparable loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him—a bereavement which cannot be removed by any tribute of ours; nevertheless, we desire to offer our token of esteem and to record our appreciation of the worth of our departed brother and co-worker, who has answered the roll call of the messenger of death beckoning him to the hope beyond the grave; Therefore, be it

*Resolved* By the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first General Assembly, that